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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31

Applicants respectfully appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 21, 2005 in which the Office finally rejected claims 1-7, 11 and 15 of the above-captioned patent application.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final rejection for two months, to and including March 21, 2006.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$250.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1) for this Notice of Appeal.

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